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In re PATENT APPLICATION of

Applicants : Walter STOEPLER et al)
Application No. : 09/555,801) INFORMATION
Filed : June 5, 2000) DISCLOSURE
For : CATALYTIC CONVERTER,) STATEMENT
ESPECIALLY FOR MOTOR)
VEHICLES, AND METHOD)
FOR THE PRODUCTION THEREOF)
Attorney Docket : 32325-160414)



September 5, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98 enclosed is
PTO-1449 form listing six references.

Four of the references were cited in an International
Search Report issued by the European Patent Office, a
copy of which was filed on June 5, 2000. Copies of these
references are not submitted as the Notification of
Acceptance dated July 7, 2000 indicates that the Patent
and Trademark Office has already received copies of the
International Search Report and the references.

The non-English-language reference, German patent
document 41 11 264 discloses a catalyst arrangement. The

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catalyst carrier 3 and the surrounding cover tube 1 are axially slightly conical to achieve a secure connection between the two components.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months from the entry date of the national stage pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(b)(2).

Since all the requirements of Rules 97 and 98 have been complied with, the Examiner is requested to consider the references on their merit and return a copy of the PTO-1449 Form indicating with his/her initials that the references were considered.

Respectfully submitted,



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